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Report of the Fifth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Patrick **Chuasoto** (Philippines)

1. At its 26th and 28th meetings, on 19 and 23 December 2008, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/63/10) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39. At the 26th meeting, on 19 December, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/621). The draft decision submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations was before the Committee (see para. 6).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/63/SR.26 and 28).

3. At the 28th meeting, on 23 December, the representative of the United States of America requested a recorded vote on section A of draft decision A/C.5/63/L.27.

4. The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted, by a recorded vote of 123 to 1, with 21 abstentions, section A of draft decision A/C.5/63/L.27 (see para. 6 below). The voting was as follows:

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In favour:*

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:

United States of America.

Abstaining:

Bahrain, Belarus, China, Egypt, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen.

Decision of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39, additional resources in the total amount of $1,225,900 would be required under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management ($1,182,000), and section 28D, Office of Central Support Services ($44,000), of the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. These additional appropriations for the biennium 2008-2009 would be considered by the Assembly in accordance with the procedures for the use and operations of the contingency fund.

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* The delegation of Lao People's Democratic Republic indicated that it would like to disassociate from the vote and the delegation of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland indicated that it had intended to vote in favour of section A of draft decision A/C.5/63/L.27.

[1] A/C.5/63/10.

[2] A/63/621.